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In re Patent Application for:

Steven Teig, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PERFORMING EXTRACTION USING
A MODEL TRAINED WITH
BAYESIAN INFERENCE VIA A
MONTE CARLO METHOD

Examiner: <none yet>

Group Art Unit: 2825

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of
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Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests the patent Examiner to amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows before examining the patent application: